

PHARMACY BOARD[657]

Notice of Intended Action

Twenty-five interested persons, a governmental subdivision, an agency or association of 25 or more persons may demand an oral presentation hereon as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)"b."

Notice is also given to the public that the Administrative Rules Review Committee may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this proposed action under section 17A.8(6) at a regular or special meeting where the public or interested persons may be heard.

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 147.76 and 2008 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2428, section 14, the Board of Pharmacy hereby gives Notice of Intended Action to adopt Chapter 32, "Nonpayment of State Debt," and to amend Chapter 36, "Discipline," Iowa Administrative Code.

These amendments were approved at the July 29, 2008, regular meeting of the Board of Pharmacy.

Proposed Chapter 32 establishes the Board processes to be implemented upon receipt of a certificate of noncompliance from the centralized collection unit of the Department of Revenue pursuant to the procedures set forth in 2008 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2428, division II. The proposed rules define terms used throughout the chapter and establish procedures relating to the denial, suspension, or revocation of a license or registration including preparation and service of a notice, effective date of the Board's action, the responsibilities of the licensee or applicant, and reinstatement of a license. The proposed amendment to Chapter 36 establishes nonpayment of a state debt as evidenced by a certificate of noncompliance issued by the Department of Revenue as one of the grounds for disciplinary action by the Board.

Requests for waiver or variance of the discretionary provisions of these rules will be considered pursuant to 657—Chapter 34.

Any interested person may present written comments, data, views, and arguments on the proposed amendments not later than 4:30 p.m. on October 28, 2008. Such written materials may be sent to Terry Witkowski, Executive Officer, Board of Pharmacy, 400 S.W. Eighth Street, Suite E, Des Moines, Iowa 50309-4688; or by E-mail to terry.witkowski@iowa.gov.

These amendments are intended to implement 2008 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2428, division II.

The following amendments are proposed.

ITEM 1. Adopt the following **new** 657—Chapter 32:

CHAPTER 32

NONPAYMENT OF STATE DEBT

657—32.1(272D) Definitions. For the purpose of this chapter, the following definitions shall apply:

"Act" means Iowa Code chapter 272D.

"Board" means the Iowa board of pharmacy.

"Certificate" means a document known as a certificate of noncompliance provided by the unit certifying that the named licensee has outstanding liability placed with the unit and has not entered into an approved payment plan to pay the liability.

"Denial notice" means a board notification denying an application for the issuance or renewal of a license as required by the Act.

"Liability" means a debt or obligation placed with the unit for collection that is greater than \$1000. For purposes of this chapter, "liability" does not include support payments collected pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 252J.

"License" means a license to practice pharmacy, a registration to practice as a pharmacist-intern, a registration to practice as a pharmacy technician, or a registration to possess, prescribe, dispense, administer, distribute, or otherwise handle controlled substances under Iowa Code chapter 124.

"Licensee" means an individual to whom a license has been issued or who is seeking the issuance of a license.

“Revocation or suspension notice” means a board notification suspending a license for an indefinite or specified period of time or a notification revoking a license as required by the Act.

“Unit” means the centralized collection unit of the department of revenue.

“Withdrawal certificate” means a document known as a withdrawal of a certificate of noncompliance provided by the unit certifying that the certificate is withdrawn and that the board may proceed with issuance, reinstatement, or renewal of a license.

657—32.2(272D) Issuance or renewal of a license—denial. The board shall deny the issuance or renewal of a license upon receipt of a certificate from the unit according to the procedures set forth in the Act.

32.2(1) Service of denial notice. Notice shall be served upon the licensee by restricted certified mail, return receipt requested, or by personal service in accordance with the Iowa Rules of Civil Procedure. Alternatively, the licensee may accept service personally or through authorized counsel.

32.2(2) Effective date of denial. The effective date of the denial of issuance or renewal of a license, as specified in the notice, shall be 60 days following service of the notice upon the licensee.

32.2(3) Preparation and service of denial notice. The executive director of the board is authorized to prepare and serve the notice upon the licensee.

32.2(4) Licensee responsible to inform board. Licensees shall keep the board informed of all court actions and all unit actions taken under or in connection with the Act and shall provide the board copies, within seven days of filing or issuance, of all applications filed with the district court pursuant to Iowa Code section 272D.9, all court orders entered in such actions, and any withdrawal certificates issued by the unit.

32.2(5) Reinstatement following license denial. All board fees required for application, license renewal, or license reinstatement shall be paid by the licensee and all continuing education requirements shall be met before a license will be issued, renewed, or reinstated after the board has denied the issuance or renewal of a license pursuant to the Act.

32.2(6) Effect of filing in district court. In the event a licensee timely files a district court action following service of a board notice pursuant to Iowa Code sections 272D.8 and 272D.9, the board shall continue with the intended action described in the notice upon the receipt of a court order lifting the stay, dismissing the action, or otherwise directing the board to proceed. For purposes of determining the effective date of the denial of the issuance or renewal of a license, the board shall count the number of days before the action was filed and the number of days after the action was disposed by the court.

32.2(7) Final notification. The board shall notify the licensee in writing through regular first-class mail, or such other means as the board deems appropriate in the circumstances, within ten days of the effective date of the denial of the issuance or renewal of a license and shall similarly notify the licensee when the license is issued or renewed following the board’s receipt of a withdrawal certificate.

657—32.3(272D) Suspension or revocation of a license. The board shall suspend or revoke a license upon receipt of a certificate from the unit according to the procedures set forth in the Act. This rule shall apply in addition to the procedures set forth in the Act.

32.3(1) Service of revocation or suspension notice. Notice shall be served upon the licensee by restricted certified mail, return receipt requested, or by personal service in accordance with the Iowa Rules of Civil Procedure. Alternatively, the licensee may accept service personally or through authorized counsel.

32.3(2) Effective date of revocation or suspension. The effective date of the revocation or suspension of a license, as specified in the notice, shall be 60 days following service of the notice upon the licensee.

32.3(3) Preparation and service of revocation or suspension notice. The executive director of the board is authorized to prepare and serve the notice upon the licensee and is directed to notify the licensee that the license will be suspended unless the license is already suspended on other grounds. In the event that the license is on suspension, the executive director shall notify the licensee of the board’s intention to revoke the license.

32.3(4) *Licensee responsible to inform board.* Licensees shall keep the board informed of all court actions and all unit actions taken under or in connection with the Act and shall provide the board copies, within seven days of filing or issuance, of all applications filed with the district court pursuant to Iowa Code section 272D.9, all court orders entered in such actions, and any withdrawal certificates issued by the unit.

32.3(5) *Reinstatement following license suspension, revocation, or denial of renewal.* All board fees required for license renewal or license reinstatement shall be paid by the licensee and all continuing education requirements shall be met before a license will be renewed or reinstated after the board has suspended a license pursuant to the Act. A licensee whose license to practice pharmacy has been revoked shall complete the examination components as indicated in rule 657—2.10(155A) and shall pay all required examination fees pursuant to rule 657—2.2(155A). A licensee whose registration to practice as a pharmacist-intern or as a pharmacy technician or whose registration to handle controlled substances under Iowa Code chapter 124 has been revoked shall complete an application and pay all board fees required for new registration.

32.3(6) *Effect of filing in district court.* In the event a licensee timely files a district court action following service of a board notice pursuant to Iowa Code sections 272D.8 and 272D.9, the board shall continue with the intended action described in the notice upon the receipt of a court order lifting the stay, dismissing the action, or otherwise directing the board to proceed. For purposes of determining the effective date of the suspension or revocation of a license, the board shall count the number of days before the action was filed and the number of days after the action was disposed by the court.

32.3(7) *Final notification.* The board shall notify the licensee in writing through regular first-class mail, or such other means as the board deems appropriate in the circumstances, within ten days of the effective date of the suspension or revocation of a license and shall similarly notify the licensee when the license is reinstated following the board's receipt of a withdrawal certificate.

657—32.4(17A,22,272D) Share information. Notwithstanding any statutory confidentiality provision, the board may share information with the unit through manual or automated means for the sole purpose of identifying applicants or licensees subject to enforcement under the Act.

These rules are intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 272D.

ITEM 2. Adopt the following new paragraph **36.1(4)“ah”**:

ah. Nonpayment of a state debt as evidenced by a certificate of noncompliance issued pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 272D.